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Pushed by Attorney General's office, CCBA Selects a CEO

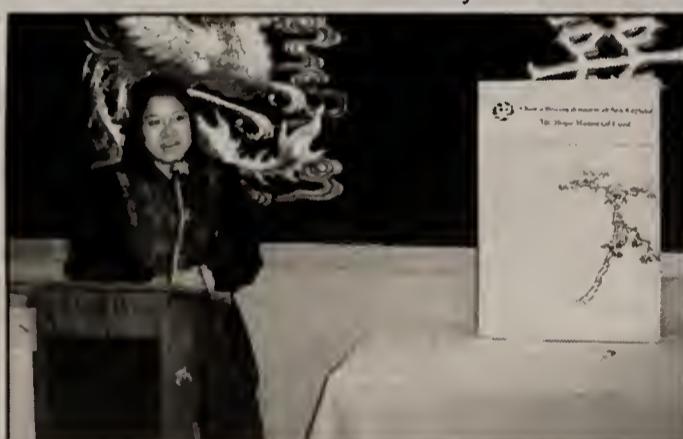
By Anita Chang, translated by Ka Ming Mow

On April 23, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) held a meeting to discuss and select a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in order to be in compliance with the Attorney General's requirement to do so. The Attorney General gave an ultimatum to the CCBA to select their CEO from three candidates before April 25. The candidates, Stella Chen, Alan Stiner and Joe Simmons were invited to the meeting to give presentations.

Chen didn't attend the meeting because she chose not to be CEO. Stiner also wasn't present because of a time conflict. Simmons and Tom Goltz, representing the Parsons Group, a financial accounting company, were the only ones to attend. While not one of the Attorney General's approved candidates, Gerald Heng, who has been voluntarily working as the CCBA's temporary CEO, wanted to join the pool of candidates. Noting his ability to speak English, Cantonese and Mandarin, his experience as a lawyer and his understanding of immigrant issues, Heng felt that he should be the CEO. However, the Attorney General's office felt that Heng's relationship with the CCBA was too close, thereby making it difficult for him to remain neutral.

In the presentation given by Simmons and Goltz, they said they had the professional accounting experience, the neutral position and the computer skills to help the CCBA improve their financial and political position. After the presentations, the CCBA officers ordered the press to leave while they deliberated. But, by the end of the meeting, they hadn't made a final decision.

Later on April 27, Raymond Chin, the CCBA's president, said that the CCBA selected the Parsons Group to be the CEO. However, at press time, the two sides had not discussed a contract or salary.



Leading the Campaign. Deborah Dong, co-chairperson of the Chinese Historical Society's Mt. Hope Committee discusses the scope of the project during the Society's fundraising campaign kick off at China Pearl Restaurant on April 25.

Historical Society Opens Fundraising Campaign for Mt. Hope Project

By Eric William Schramm

Nearly 40 people attended the Chinese Historical Society of New England's (CHSNE) fundraising campaign kick-off for its Mount Hope cemetery project on April 25 at the China Pearl restaurant. Betty Lam, president of the Society, opened the event with news about an effort, similar to the Society's, to renovate Chinese burial grounds in California.

During the event, the campaign got a major boost from the Edward Ingwersoll Browne Fund, a public fund administered by the City of Boston's Trust Office, when it gave a verbal commitment of \$100,000 to the Society's project. According to the Browne Fund's official notification of the grant, the money is to be used for "the

design and construction of a memorial park with landscaping and steel archways." The Browne Fund has already given the Society \$20,000 to commission architectural plans for the project. Joo Kun Lim, who designed the project, was present to answer questions about his designs.

The goal of the project is to fund the construction of a new altar, gates for each of the three sections of Chinese graves, new landscaping, restoration of individual headstones, and the updating of records for those interred at the burial sites. The price tag for the completed project is \$750,000; however, at this time, the Society is taking the project one step at a time. The first stage will be to fund the altar, which is projected to cost \$215,000.

Peter Kiang, a CHSNE board member, discussed the importance of the project and of making sure that the heritage of Boston's Chinese ancestors is preserved and passed down. Kiang brings students from the University of Massachusetts-Boston, where he teaches Asian American Studies, to the burial grounds on a regular basis. He stated that youth really do care about their heritage, and emphasized this by reading an excerpt of a piece written by one of his students after visiting the cemetery. Then, Horace Seldon, who has long been involved in civil rights causes in Boston, spoke about his experience of going to the burial grounds with Kiang's students.

Bik-Fung Ng and Deborah Dong, the co-chairs of the CHSNE's Mount Hope Project Committee, said that the CHSNE would be willing to go to family association meetings to give a presentation on the project. They also noted that David Hui, owner of the Wai Wai Restaurant, will have a display about the project in his restaurant's dining room. Ng and Dong acknowledged the early leadership of Davis Woo and David S. Y. Wong, who together founded the CHSNE and have visited and helped to mark the graves.

Members of the Chinatown community that have donated money to the effort, like the Wong Family Association, Helen Chin Schlichte, Stephanie Fan, and Kenneth Bennett and J. Waterman from the J. Waterman & Sons Funeral Home-Eastman-Waring, attended to show their support. Lek-Fai Wong, president of the Wong Family Association, and Gerald Heng, who represented the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, spoke in support of the project and encouraged the community to help out with the fundraising.

At the event, the Society received nearly \$10,000 in donations, \$5,000 of which came from Waterman & Sons. The Society has also received donations from the Yee Family Association, the Asian American Bank, and City Councilor Jim Kelley. The project has also received out-of-state donations from Him Mark Lai, a highly respected Asian American scholar in California, and his wife, and Winnie Wong in Virginia.

"I was so happy to see the community get together for this project. It was especially great to see the Wong Family Association and the CCBA come forward with their support," said Ng. "The Society is doing this for the community."



Atomic Songs. Melissa Li performs her original songs during the Massachusetts Asian AIDS Prevention Project's 2nd Annual "Atomic Youth: A Talent Show." The talent show was held at Northeastern University on April 20.

Asian American Named as an Outstanding Young Leader

The Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce (Boston Jaycees) recently announced that Leverett Wing would be honored as one of Boston's Ten Outstanding Young Leaders. The awards ceremony will be held on May 4. Wing currently works Massachusetts Senate President Thomas F. Birmingham, as the Business



Community Strolls along the Charles

On April 21, despite poor weather, the South Cove Community Health Center (SCCHC) hosted its 2nd annual Community Walk. According to Esther Lee, director of development at SCCHC, around 250 people walked the 6 mile loop that began in Boston Common, proceeded along the Charles River Esplanade, crossed over the Boston University Bridge to Cambridge, then returned to Boston along the Harvard Bridge, and ended back in the Common. The purpose of the walk is threefold: it promotes walking as a healthy activity, brings the Asian community together, and raises funds for quality health care for the underserved communities in the greater Boston area. The event was supported by the Boston Public Health Commission and other local businesses and restaurants. The SCCHC was able to raise even more funds than the first year, according to Lee. Three generations of families could be seen enjoying the walk. "The walk is a great opportunity for younger generations to do something for a good cause," said Lee.

Manager of the Senate. He is one of the highest-ranking Asian Americans in Massachusetts government. He is active in the Asian community as a member of the Board of Directors for both the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence and the Asian Community Development Corporation.

Outside of the community, he is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Joslin Diabetes Center. He helped found the "Asian American Diabetes Initiative," a study seeking to improve the understanding and treatment of diabetes among Asian Americans. Utilizing his political experience, Wing is also the founder of the Massachusetts Younger Asian American Caucus (MYAAC), a non-partisan organization which attempts to educate and encourage younger Asian Americans to explore careers in politics and public service. He has been quoted about Asian Americans issues in newspapers, and he has lectured at institutions like Harvard University and Tufts University.

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COVER STORY

Investing in the Community

Youth Discuss Community Involvement. New Youth Programs

By Eric William Schramm

Increasingly over the course of this year, you can see them, if you go to a public meeting in Chinatown. Often, they are sitting just out of the way, listening. High school and college-age Asian American youth have started to become more aware of community issues and involved. This bodes well for a community that often relies on its elderly members to be politically involved. Community involvement, however, can't be reserved for adults, and, at this critical time for Chinatown, youth participation should be encouraged.

This new trend in youth involvement was evident at the April 12 City Council hearing in Chinatown. The elderly made up the majority of those in attendance, but there was a cluster of students, including Helen Wong, a senior at Wellesley College who grew up in Chinatown; Priscilla Chan, a senior at Harvard University who grew up in New York's Chinatown; and Amy Leung, the Chinese Youth Initiative (CYI) coordinator at the Chinese Progressive Association (CPA) who grew up in Quincy. These women have volunteered in Chinatown, have come to understand its needs, and believe that youth involvement in Chinatown will play a crucial role in the community's future.

Toward involvement

Growing up in Chinatown, Wong had a sense of the concerns of the community, but it was not until she left the state with Project HIP (Highways into the Past—History, Organizing and Power), which took her by bus through the South to learn more about the Civil Rights Movement, that she came to fully understand the struggle that Asian American communities face. Realizing the injustices of the political and socio-economic environment in the United States angered Wong, but she did not let it drag her down into cynicism and apathy.

"I realized that I was one of the oppressed people, and that I needed to join the struggle for social justice in order to do something about my present state. I looked around and saw that my family, friends and fellow people were struggling in this country," said Wong. "Once I came to this realization, the next logical step was to be active in the community."

While still in high school and with the flame of activism lit, Wong threw herself into getting involved. She worked for the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center's Youth Center and the Asian American Resource Workshop's SAFETYNET, a program designed to track and educate the public about hate crimes against Asians and Asian Americans. She also represented Chinatown for two years on the Mayor's Youth Council.

From an early age through high school, she was a camper, then later a junior counselor in Chinatown Adventure Summer Program (CHAD), a summer day camp organized by Harvard University's Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) (a student-run service organization), that provides affordable daycare for children from the ages of 6 to 13 in Chinatown.

Almost simultaneously, in New York's Chinatown, Chan was coming into her own as a youth activist. While in high school, she worked with the Coalition for the Homeless, which provides meals to families living in Chinatown.

"I became active when I realized that I could no longer hold my breath for someone to make the changes that I hoped for in my community. I knew that there were real and concrete things that I could do," said Chan. "I wanted to be proud of my community."

CHAD's presence in Chinatown proved to have a lasting effect on Wong. "I learned that having positive role models has a huge impact upon the development of children, especially the ones in Chinatown," said Wong.

It also served as the axis around which the three

met each other and became involved in Chinatown. Wong, is the only one to have been a camper as well as a counselor. While in college, She, Chan and Leung have directed the camp.

CHAD also introduced Wong to many of commu-

pling because they all deal with the quality of life in Chinatown, and affect the way residents as well as outsiders see Chinatown," said Wong.

While these needs touch the lives of individuals within the community, Chan also sees that the organizations within the community have needs as well.

"Chinatown needs to start working together—to have community coalitions effectively and strongly express the community voice so that we can have a seat at the larger table with other communities and political beings," said Chan. "The youth have to be taken more seriously and given due credit as being a growing part of the community."

Leung and Wong echo Chan's comment about the importance of youth to Chinatown. Working with the high school-age youth in CYI, Leung has witnessed those involved become more conscious of Chinatown and its needs.

"It has been great seeing them be passionate about things in Chinatown," said Leung. "They are passionate about [their opposition] to the Liberty Place development."

The youth involved in CYI are not the only ones with potential for community participation. "There is so much potential among the CHAD youth," said Leung. "These kids are residents too and it's important to tap into that."

While Wong sees the energy and passion of the youth to be a valuable and extremely important resource in the community, she does not see that the adult leaders are helping to nurture and direct that energy into community involvement as much as they could.

"If adults show more interest in obtaining our opinions and ideas, then I think that we would be more willing to participate in the community and in politics," said Wong. "By educating the youth about Chinatown's struggles and issues, and by engaging them in the many different aspects of the community, there would be a greater sense of community pride instilled into them and, hopefully, would motivate them to be more active about the community."

Youth have three characteristics that make them an important part of the community, according to Wong. First, they are citizens, and, once they turn 18, can vote. Second, they would not be concerned about losing their jobs as a result of their opinions. Finally, and perhaps their greatest asset, they are young, thereby allowing them to be involved for many years to come.

With these assets in hand, youth could make a real impact in the community. Chinatown organizations should encourage youth participation, according to Wong. One way to do so would be to allow youth to attend strategic meetings and, perhaps, become youth board members. Some youth did participate in the *Voice & Vision* focus groups that generated suggestions for updating the 1990 Chinatown Master Plan; the updated version of the Plan will be released this summer.

As youth that are involved in the community, Wong, Chan and Leung, see the importance of engaging more youth and the potential that lies therein. After all, once these three became engaged, they quickly situated themselves to work in and for the success of the community. How many others are just waiting for a spark? Actually, quite a few and they are already participating in some new youth-oriented programs.

Opportunities for engagement

At least two schools in the metro-Boston area have students who regularly visit Chinatown. The interest in volunteering in the community has spread as far as Milton Academy, a private school in Milton. There the community of Asian students has formed their own Asian Society that, among other things, sponsors

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Youth Lend a Hand for Computer Literacy in Chinatown. Leslie Tam (left), a youth volunteer for the Phillips Brooks House Association's Chinatown Computing Program, helps out Polin Chan (right) with her computer skills. The youth-led program opened its doors at 65 Harrison Street on November 29. Chinatown Computing offers classes for adults and high school students.

nity-based organizations in the community. Familiarity with the community has also been something that Chan has gained from her experience. With this knowledge, she saw a need for computer classes. So, in coordination with the PBHA and the Chinese Economic Development Council (CEDC), she helped to start Chinatown Computing, which offers computer classes to adults and youth in Chinatown.

Leung transformed her experience with CHAD into a job with the CPA. Currently, on a fellowship from Stride Rite, Leung is working as the CYI coordinator.

"I wanted to continue working in Chinatown and find out more about advocacy and community work," said Leung. "I feel like if we don't do anything, nothing will happen. I do believe things have to get better."

Volunteering in Chinatown has taught Chan about her duty as an Asian American youth. "It has made me more aware of my status and responsibility as a Chinese American. I have in my hands, especially with the privileges I have been afforded educationally, the ability to do more in Chinatown and to effect more changes than I was ever able to do when I was younger and in New York," said Chan.

Thinking about the community

The three have seen first hand some of the things that need to change in Chinatown. Long hours and low pay for adults has translated into fewer opportunities for the youth in the community. Many have taken part-time jobs to help out their parents, and this can limit the youths' options, according to Wong. How to economically empower residents and provide more opportunities for youth is a complex issue that has gone unresolved. Yet, it is a problem that youth, like these three, should be encouraged to find solutions to.

Wong offered a succinct list of what Chinatown needs, including affordable housing (especially that which can be bought by residents); political power; economic opportunities (job training that leads to higher pay and benefits); more open space; public safety (the elimination of the Combat Zone and prostitution); and environmental improvements (decreased traffic congestion and a cleaner neighborhood).

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a Saturday tutoring program at the BCNC. Every Saturday, Vivian Wu Wong, advisor to the Society, brings a group of Milton students to Chinatown. One of these students, Judith Sun, a junior, is completing her third year as a volunteer. Currently, she is the Community Representative for the Society. Her reason for making the Saturday trek is one of empathy.

"I came from China when I was younger and I know how hard it is to learn English," said Sun. "I had very good and supportive teachers during my youth. And with my experience, I know how the students feel. As a result, I believe that it is necessary for me to give back to the community and assist people who are in similar situations."

Milton Academy is not the only school in the area that brings students into Chinatown to volunteer. The Wang YMCA sponsors the "Earth Service Project." Clifford Wong, a guidance counselor at Boston Latin Academy coordinates the Project, and most of the students involved come from that school, though the program is open to all youth. Instead of tutoring, this group of students beautifies the community. They have painted buildings along Harvard Street, which had long been an eyesore in the community.

There are three programs, two of which were recently started, that take a creative approach to getting the youth involved. Available to youth since 1994, the Chinese Youth Initiative (CYI), sponsored by the CPA, is a seven-week, summer internship. First, the interns learn about the history of Chinatown and Asian Americans and community activism. Then, they work on projects that they have designed for themselves. Because of the popularity of the program, in 1998, CPA created a Youth Committee which would allow students to work on projects and within the community on a year-round basis.

CPA acted on the same belief that Chan and Wong hold, that the youth needed to be reached out to and brought into the community. Besides their various projects, the CYI youth have been concentrating on monitoring the developments that may come to the community, and they are also looking into making positive changes.

"They have spent time on what they don't want in the community [like large-scale developments]," said Evonne Yang, former CPA education coordinator. "Now, they are also invested in what they do want, like a library. So, they are investigating how to get on in Chinatown."

At the City Council hearing, Alice Leung, representing CYI, gave testimony as to why youth are not politically active and called for voter education for the youth.

This year, Roots, a youth program led by Asian Community development Corporation (ACDC) in partnership with the South End/Lower Roxbury Land Trust, Environmental Partnerships, Inc., and the Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry, began. Roots uses the Berkeley Street Gardens as a way by which to introduce students to the community. Eight Cantonese-speaking students, all of whom are new immigrants, are in the program this year, earning community service credit through their high schools. They work on a large garden plot with elderly gardeners and help Julie Filapeck, a graduate student in Tufts' Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, conduct research on the socio-economic importance of the Berkeley Street Gardens.

According to ACDC's Jeremy Liu, the program strives to engage the youth in civic issues, the importance of open space and the Gardens to the area, as

well as build bridges between the elderly and youth and Eastern and Western perspectives.

Since the project began, the students have been doing background research on the garden and the surrounding community, as well as educating their friends and relatives about the Garden. This spring will find the student working with an Asian and a non-Asian elderly gardener to cultivate the plot.

The students have felt good about the program, according to Reverend Thomas Pang of the Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry, because it is well organized and conceived. He also has found that Roots has suc-

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--Judith Sun,
a junior at Milton Academy

ceeded in addressing one of its key goals-getting youth involved in the community.

"This program is a bridge for them to work with the community," said Pang. "It also provides them with a sense of achievement by participating in making a better life for the community."

The ACDC also sponsors the Chinatown Banquet, an arts and culture project that uses multi-media productions and workshops to educate youth about and get them involved in Chinatown. Other partners in the project include PACE, CYI and the International Institute of Boston (IIB).

The name of the project comes from the idea of the traditional Chinese banquet. Following through with the metaphor, the project will consist of eight "courses," each touching on particular historical, cultural or political aspect of Chinatown. Ten students work with Artist Michael Blockstein, who came up with the project, and meet twice a week to learn about Chinatown and media production and discuss their work and their reactions to it.

Chinatown Banquet allows students, like Kim Szeto, a junior at Boston Latin Academy, to express themselves through film media while telling the story of Chinatown.

Szeto joined the project because, "I enjoy art because I'm a visual thinker, and being able to present my knowledge of Chinatown visually was quite appealing to me."

The students have completed one of the courses that included making unconventional maps of Chinatown. The maps show the life of Chinatown at different times of the day. The next course will deal feature the students'

personal relationship to Chinatown. Both courses will be available on the internet at www.ChinatownBanquet.org.

Later this year, the Banquet will hold an exhibition at the IIB's Dreams of Freedom museum on Milk Street. When all of the courses are finished, Chinatown Banquet will place television screens at various locations in Chinatown to show the eight courses.

For Szeto the Banquet is important to the community as well as the youth involved. "When the project is completed it will provide public access to some of the political and social issues in Chinatown," said Szeto. "Meanwhile, since we are high school students working on the project, it is building leaders for more awareness of Chinatown as a community and not just 'dirty streets and Asian cuisine.'"

Building youth leaders is exactly what these projects will be able to do. In effect, they are providing the spark for community involvement that Wong, Chan and Leung found. While the projects and their community sponsors like the CPA and ACDC should be commended for their efforts, the opportunities are still limited to a handful of youth. The challenge is to establish more youth-oriented programs that will allow greater numbers of youth to participate. At a time when Chinatown will need to use its resources to push for its interests, it could use the abundance of energy that youth possess. After all, it's not that the youth don't have anything to say or, for that matter good ideas, it's just that they have not been asked to speak often enough nor have they been given many opportunities to do so.

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One Man's Devotion to the Asian Community

By Ka Ming Mow, Translated by Louise Chou

The exterior design of J.S. Waterman & Sons, a funeral home located in Kenmore Square, is similar to other residences in the area, but, once inside, I entered an enormous space. The pink wallpaper and the bright lights replaced my fear of the funeral home with a warm and peaceful feeling. I am there to interview Kenneth F. Bennett, Funeral Director of J.S. Waterman & Sons.

Bennett is full of energy and happy to share his thoughts with others. His personality immediately made me change my image of the funeral business.

J.S. Waterman & Sons was established in Roxbury in 1932. With so many decades of development, Waterman & Sons has become the number one funeral home in New England. It has many branches in the United States and even overseas. Forty percent of its customers are Asian, and several key employees are Chinese. Through this exposure, Bennett has come to learn about Chinese culture and lifestyle.

Born in 1938, Bennett grew up in Quincy. He started working in the funeral business when he was 18 and received his license in 1958. Later, he joined Waterman & Sons in 1965.

Bennett always devotes time to the community. In addition to his career in the funeral business, Bennett is also a member of the Salvation Army, the Youth Society, and other organizations. He is also a key member of the Chinatown Safety Committee.

He mentioned that in the past there were not many Chinese living in Quincy. When he was a child, he lived near a dry cleaner operated by a Chinese family. He always watched how they operated their business. His friendship with the Chinese started then.

Bennett explained that some time ago not many funeral homes provided services for the Chinese. Due to the language barrier and complicated cultural practices, many Chinese held funerals by themselves. However, the situation is getting better. Waterman & Sons provides services tailored to Chinese culture so the number of its Chinese customers has been increasing. Actually, many second or third generation Chinese Americans do not understand the traditional funeral practices. Bennett and other Chinese co-workers offer guidelines to them. Most Chinese prefer traditional funerals; consequently, it is another way for young generations to express their respect and love to their senior family members.

Bennett indicated that Western and Eastern cultures have different points of view about death. Western people think death is unavoidable in every life. On the other hand, the Chinese, who believe luck is very essential for many things, think that people die because they do not have much luck.

The way funerals are conducted in the West is also different from that in Asia. Some Western people do not hold funerals, or they simply organize memorial services. The number of people who attend a funeral in the West usually is less than that in Asia. If many people attend a person's funeral in Asia, it means that the person was highly respected. In addition, it brings bad luck if Chinese people hold funerals during the Chinese New Year.

If a young person passes away, their senior family members will not attend



Community Man. Kenneth Bennett attended the Chinese Historical Society's Mount Hope project fundraiser on April 25 at the China Pearl restaurant.

the funeral. If they do, it brings bad luck, as well. The Chinese call this "The white-haired people say goodbye to the black-haired people." However, Western people do not consider this case as a taboo. Waterman & Sons understands these differences.

Bennett is very interested in Asian culture. He has visited Singapore, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Tibet. He realized that funeral homes in Hong Kong are very different from those in America. They have to deal with many funerals per day while American funeral homes only hold one.

Nowadays, Chinese people do not see death or funerals as taboo, and they are not afraid of talking about death. They also understand that it is better to prepare everything in advance. So, many people have started to plan their own funerals at a younger age.

Four years ago, Bennett moved to Chinatown, so he has been closer to the Chinese community. In order to understand the community he lives in, Bennett participates in many community activities. He pays a lot of attention to safety issues in Chinatown. As a member of the Chinatown Safety Committee, Bennett likes to generate ideas and present them at the monthly meetings. He has committed himself to the Chinatown community. Thus, he is highly respected in the community. Many appreciation plaques from the community and a special gold plaque for his sixtieth birthday adorn his office.

Bennett also mentioned that most of his friends are Chinese. However, he knows that his job also brings some cultural issues. During the Chinese New Year, his friends are reluctant to greet him. They even avoid looking at him because he makes them think about death. This may be a joke for some Americans, but Bennett knows that it is a cultural difference and not funny at all.

He pointed out that Chinese people have many good aspects that Americans should admire. He noted that many Chinese parents work hard to save money so their children can get a good education. He also mentioned that there are many Asians in the United States. In Massachusetts, "Little Chinatowns" have been developed in Quincy and Malden. He hopes that Chinese people will not be ignored any more.

At last, Bennett mentioned that because many of Waterman & Sons' customers are Chinese, and in order to show appreciation for their business, Waterman & Sons has donated quite a bit to the Chinese community. They offer scholarships to youth in the community and have given a donation to the Chinese Historical Society of New England's Mt. Hope project. Bennett personally cares a lot about the social benefits of Asian Americans and hopes he can continue to serve them.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TRANSPORTATION BUILDING 10 PARK PLAZA BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116-3975

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for MBTA Contract No. A21CN01, LIGHT RAIL ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT, PARK STREET/HAYMARKET STATIONS, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, (CLASS 7, Buildings, Project Value- 88.00), will be received by the Deputy Director of Design and Construction, Contracts, at the Contract Administration Office, 5th Floor, Room 5610, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116-3975, until two o'clock (2:00 p.m.) on June 5, 2001. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

The work specified in this contract consists of accessibility improvements to the Green Line platforms and related areas of the MBTA's Park Street and Haymarket Stations. The work includes, but is not limited to raising the level of the existing train platforms; replacement of floor finishes; relocation or modifications of station elements to accommodate raised floor levels; removal and reinforcement of existing structural steel and the erection of new structural steel columns; reinforcement of existing concrete footings and construction of new footings; elevator modifications; removal, modification and reinstallation of prefabricated booths and enclosures; removal and relocation of electrical and communications systems conduits and wiring; installing removable rubber infill panels; providing station signage and track work.

This Contract is subject to a financial assistance Contract between the MBTA and the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The low Bidder must comply with documentation requirements referred to Article 1.12, COMPETENCY OF BIDDERS, in the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

Each prospective bidder proposing to bid on this project must be prequalified in accordance with the Authority's "Procedures Governing Classification and Rating of Prospective Bidders." Copies may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the above address. Requests for prequalification for this Project will not be accepted by the Authority after the tenth (10th) day preceding the date set for the opening of bids.

Prequalified bidders may obtain from the Contract Administration Office a "Request for Bid Form" which must be properly filled out and submitted for approval.

Bidding documents may be obtained from the Contract Administration Office at the address above from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on May 3, 2001, Monday through Friday, at a charge of \$100.00 per copy. The Authority's STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS, BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS AND DIVISION 1 -GENERAL REQUIREMENTS dated November, 1983, is available at a charge of \$5.00 per copy. Authority's STANDARD SPECIFICATION, CONSTRUCTION, dated January 1980, is available at a charge of \$15.00 per copy. Bidding documents will be sent upon request and receipt of an additional fee of \$15.00, payable by separate check. Bidding documents will be forwarded by Air Freight, where such service is available, at the expense of the plan holder. NONE OF THESE CHARGES ARE REFUNDABLE.

Bidders attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti- Discrimination, and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. In addition, pursuant to the requirements of Appendix 3, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Provision, Bidders must submit an assurance with their Bids that they will make sufficient and reasonable efforts to meet the stated DBE goal of seventeen (17) percent.

Bidders will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this solicitation, minority and female construction contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Bidders will be required to comply with Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations and the President's Executive Order No. 11246 and any amendments or supplements thereto.

Authorization for the Bidders to view the site of the work on the MBTA's property shall be obtained from the Project Manager, Mr. William H. Bregoli, Jr., Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, 02130, (617) 222-5365. The Authority will conduct an inspection tour of the site on May 15, 2001. Bidders are requested to be present between the Park Street Station, street level, Boston Common entry kiosks, at Park Street and Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. to participate in the tour. Bidders are advised that they should have representation at this tour as no extra visits are planned.

A prebid conference will be held on May 15, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA, Conference Room 1. Any request for interpretation of the Plans and Specifications should be submitted in writing at the same time.

Bidders will be required to certify as part of their bids that they are able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed on the work.

This Contract is subject to Federal wage and hourly laws and minimum State wage rates as well as all other applicable labor laws.

Bidders are advised that the "Buy America" provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (Pub. L-97-424) as amended, apply to any Contract, procurement or agreement which results from this solicitation.

Bid Guaranty shall consist of a bid deposit in the amount of five (5) percent of the value of the bid, in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond each for the full amount of the Contract price.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new Bids or proceed to do the work otherwise, as may be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority.

This information may be viewed at the MBTA website: <http://www.mbta.com/info/>

Plans and specifications may also be viewed at the following locations:

Massachusetts Alliance for Small Contractors
One South Station -3rd. Fl
Mail Stop 01302
Boston, MA 02110

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Date: April 30, 2001 By: Kevin J. Sullivan
Secretary and MBTA Chairman

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CALENDAR

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FOR THE JUNE 15 FEATURE ON
HEALTH

Children/Family Programs Begin at Chinatown YMCA. April 21: The Weekend Passport Program for families and kids 6-12 years old. April 23: Young Mothers Group for mothers and children under 5. June-August: Summer Day Camp on Golden Mountain for children ages 5-12. April Vacation Week: SPLASH swim classes for children ages 3-12. The Wang YMCA is located in Chinatown at 8 Oak Street. For more info, call 617/426-2237.

Mondays, 4-5pm: The Asian American Civic Association is now providing free information services about MassHealth. Anyone who needs help in applying, or if you have questions about your qualifications and eligibility, please come to the AAC, located at 200 Tremont St., Boston, to see Peter Chin. No appointment necessary. For more info, call 617/426-949.

March-June: The Boston Center for the Arts and the Asian American Resource Workshop will co-host CreAsian: A Pan-Asian Art Festival. The Festival will feature work by more than 50 artists exploring a wide array of themes and issues including identity, history, and community and cultural traditions. All events are free and take place at the BCA, located at 551 Tremont St. (between Clarendon and Berkeley Streets). For more info and a schedule of events, call Michelle Baxter, director of programs at BCA, at 617/426-1492, or Ann Marie Booth, executive director of the AARW, at 617/426-1492.

May: The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Boston will host the first annual Taiwan Heritage Week during the Asian American Heritage Month. TECO will sponsor events at various locations throughout the area all month with the last event ending on June 2. For more info and a schedule of events, call the Information Division at TECO at 617/737-2057/8

May 8 (Tues.) 12:30-2pm: The Institute for Asian American Studies at UMass-Boston will host the lecture "A Failure to Communicate: Exploring the Psychosocial Basis for HIV/AIDS-related Interpersonal Communication between Vietnamese American Sexual Partners" by Mai Tuyet Pho, an Institute for Asian American Studies fellow. The free lecture will be held in the Wheatley Student Lounge, 4/f. For more info, call 617/287-5650.

May 8 (Tues.) 6pm: The Cambridge Public Library Author Series will host a reading by Christina Chiu at the Cambridge Public Library, located at 449 Broadway, Cambridge. Chiu, a founding member of the Asian American Writers Workshop, will read from "Troublemaker and Other Saints," which weaves together the narratives of the Wongs, Shengs and Tsuis. East and West, old and young collide in this funny and painful collection that everyone can relate to. The reading is free and open to the public. For more info, call the Library at 617/349-4040.

May 10 (Thur.) 10:30-12:30: The AAC will host a community workshop entitled "Communication is a Learned Skill." Eric Lee, project coordinator at the South Cove Family Life Center will discuss effective ways to communicate, how to improve your conscious level, and auditory, visual and kinesthetic-oriented learning styles. The free workshop, held at the AAC (200 Tremont St., Boston), will be presented in Cantonese and Mandarin. For more info, call 617/426-9492.

May 10 (Thur.) 12-1pm: The State's Transportation Agencies and Authorities will host a celebration of Asian and Pacific Islanders History Month at the State Transportation Building, located at 10 Park Plaza, Boston, on the 2nd Floor in conference rooms 1, 2, and 3. The "Partners in Transportation" will present a recognition of community service award to The Chinatown Coalition for its work in improving the quality of life in the Asian and Pacific Islanders communities. Mr. Stanley Gee, division administrator of FHWA, will discuss the theme for the month-long celebration "Asian and Pacific Islanders Emerging Together." A light lunch featuring traditional cuisine will follow the event. For more info, call the Mass Highway Dept. at 617/973-7800.

NOTICES

Volunteer Opportunity. The Horizons Initiative is seeking volunteers to play with homeless children living in family shelters and battered women's shelters. A commitment of 2 hours per week for 6 months is required. Daytime and evening hours available. Applications are due one week prior to training. Please call 617/287-1900 for more information and an application, or visit www.horizonsinitiative.org.

Call to Artists/Musicians. Once a month on a Tuesday at 8pm, the Tremont Theater will host a concert of contemporary music. Three concerts have already been scheduled for April 10, May 8, and June 19. The Curators of the concert series--Taylor ho Bynum, James Coleman, Doris Chu, Jonathan LeMaster, and Jeff Song--would like to invite musicians to submit a brief proposal including resume, press clips, and CDs, cassette tapes or VHS video tapes and send them to the International Society, 276 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02116.

New Program at Franklin. A new Website Development Technology program will be offered by the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology beginning Sept 2001. The one-year program, which will lead to a Certificate of Proficiency, is designed for the learner to acquire a working knowledge of website development and management in the most time-effective manner. It will provide systems professionals with related skills and technology tools required to successfully implement a Web presence. For more info, call the admissions office at 617/423-4630, or visit www.fib.edu.

Support for Nonprofits. Third Sector New England's Capacity Building Fund is dedicated to supporting nonprofits that encourage personal and social change through grants and management assistance. Nonprofits that are committed to social and economic justice issues are eligible for this new program that will award grants of \$25-\$50,000. The grant money can be used to pay costs related to strengthening your organization, core costs, or a portion can be designated as unrestricted. Some of the things you can do: hire staff, develop strategic business or fundraising plans, engage in board and staff development, improve your financial management systems. Applications are due May 15. For more information, go to www.tsne.org, or call 617/523-6565.

How Should it be used? The Malden Cultural Council is looking for people who live and work in Malden to help advise the Council on how to best allocate public dollars for programs and activities in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. The Council receives approximately \$40,000 to fund a range of projects, but it receives many more proposals than it is able to fund. Because it is public money, it is essential that the Council gather local public opinion and get more information about what is happening in the community and what it needs. This information will help the Council develop criteria and funding priorities to guide its grant making decisions. Therefore, the Council invites Malden citizens to participate in a discussion on May 10 (Thur.) at the Malden Cultural Council, located at 176 Pearl Street from 7-8:30.

Washington D.C. Summer Internships with the White House Initiative on APIs: The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders coordinates the efforts of 34 federal agencies and a 15-member President's Advisory Commission to improve the health and well-being of underserved APIs. They seek motivated undergraduate and graduate interns to work on a variety of projects that range from policy development and research to public relations and event planning. Requirements: Must be 18 years of age or older and live in the D.C.-metropolitan area during the internship. Dates: May 29-August 31 (start and end dates flexible). Salary: unpaid, but stipend/fellowship opportunities from other D.C. internships are available; call for info. To apply, send resume and cover letter explaining your interest, background and availability to: Mr. Parag Mehta, White House Initiative on APIs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Rockville, MD 20857; Fax (301) 443-0259; email: pmehta@hrsa.gov. For info on possible positions, call (301) 443-2492; website www.aapi.gov.

NAAAP National Convention: The National Association of Asian American Professionals will hold its national convention in New York August 24-26 at the Roosevelt Hotel in mid-town Manhattan. This year's theme will be *The New Domain: The Web of Asian American Professionals*. NAAAP is expecting at least 500 attendees for workshops, discussions and evening galas. For more details, go to www.naaapny.org.

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The Winsor School, a Boston independent, girls' day school, grades five through twelve, has an opening in the fall of 2001 for a full-time history teacher in grades eight through twelve. The School has a tradition of academic excellence and a strong interest in appointing professionals of color.

Although there is some flexibility, it is preferred that the teacher have interests in world history, non-Western history and European history. The position also includes advising students and guiding club activities. Candidates should have some previous teaching experience.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, and resume to:

Christopher Bull, Dean of Faculty
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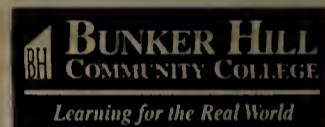
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Please send/fax/email your resume to Human Resources Management, 250CP, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115; Tel: (617) 373-2230 or fax to (617) 373-5090; TTY (617) 373-5293 or email: nujobs@neu.edu.

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HEALTH

Language Access in Health Care Comes to MA.

By Denise Lau, Benjamin Cook (Health Care for All), and Tyler Moran (Massachusetts Immigrant Refugee Advocacy Coalition)

Last year, non-English speakers' rights took two great steps forward as federal policy guidance and a new state law clarified an individual's right to an interpreter in health care settings. In August 2000, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued guidance that under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, all entities (including hospitals) that receive money from the department have a responsibility to provide free interpreters to all limited English proficient patients.

In April 2000, Governor Cellucci signed into law, "The Emergency Room Interpreter Bill" officially known as Chapter 66 of the Acts of 2000: An Act Requiring Competent Interpreter Services in the Delivery of Certain Acute Health Care Services. This law goes into effect on July 1, 2001. Both of these new requirements are a great advancement for improved quality of health care for those with limited English proficiency.

How are hospitals required to provide language access?

* Both the policy guidance and the law require hospitals to provide competent interpreter services when treating non-English speaking patients. The interpreter law specifically requires interpreters in all acute care hospital emergency rooms and all hospitals or hospital-based units that provide acute psychiatric care.

* Hospital managers must use reasonable judgment in setting up their interpreter systems based on the volume and diversity of language groups they serve.

* Under the interpreter law, the state agencies responsible for administering the Medicaid and the Free Care Pool programs must allow for a reason-

able reimbursement for interpreter services as an operating expense.

What can a patient do when not provided with appropriate language access?

* Under Title VI, any individual can file a complaint with the Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights if they are denied access to care because of their English proficiency.

* Under the interpreter law, a non-English speaking patient or the state Attorney General's Office can sue for damages if denied appropriate health care because a hospital failed to use reasonable judgment in setting up its interpreter system. A reasonable attorney's fee could be recouped upon a successful case.

We need to work together to ensure that all advocates and limited English proficiency residents understand that we have a legal right to competent interpreter services in hospital emergency rooms and acute psychiatric hospitals.

What can we do?

* Share information. Tell all of your family, friends, coworkers, and clients about this new law.

* Advocate. Speak up for yourself and others at emergency or acute care medical appointments. Tell the health care worker that it is your right to have a competent interpreter.

* Report. You are entitled to an interpreter. Whenever you are not provided an interpreter when you requested one, report this to Health Care For All (617-350-7279) and/or your local Office of Civil Rights (617-565-1357)

* Contact your legislator to ensure adequate

funding to support the interpreter law. Using your native language, send a letter to or call your legislator telling him/her that there needs to be adequate funds to provide interpreter services.

* Become a competent interpreter. Encourage bilingual, bicultural persons to become competent interpreters with appropriate medical interpreter training. For more information about interpreter training, contact John Nickrosz of the Massachusetts Medical Interpreters' Association at 617-636-5479.

If you have any questions about this new law, speak to someone at your local community center, or call Health Care For All's Health Helpline at 617-350-7279 or 800-272-4232. You may also contact the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) at 617-350-5480.

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ARTS

Actor Discusses Asian Americans in Film

By Eric William Schramm

On April 10, Actor B. D. Wong sat down for an informal discussion with a group of Asian American students at Milton Academy, located in Milton. Wong visited the school as the Academy's Hong Kong Distinguished Speaker. Milton alumni and parents in the Milton Alumni Association in Honk Kong set up the speaker series in 1998, and it has brought speakers to the Academy for three years. The intent of the series is to bring a guest to the school once a year to "help educate faculty and students about Asian perspectives."

Wong can currently be seen on HBO's Oz as Father Ray Mukada. He gained national attention when he starred in "M. Butterfly" on Broadway. His film credits include "Jurassic Park," "The Freshman," "The Ref," "Executive Decision," "Father of the Bride" and "Mulan." Born in San Francisco, He now lives in New York.

The actor switched between postures of relaxation and an earnest, elbows-on-the-knees forthrightness during the two-hour chat during which he fielded questions from students, whose names he managed to memorize. The atmosphere was one of a workshop, and, because of that, more intimate. Before he took questions, he discussed the fact that when he first broke into acting, there were only demeaning roles available to Asian American actors. This plunged him into ethnic confusion and self-hatred. Once he emerged, he felt that it was good to talk about it. This has led him to visit schools to discuss his experiences. A member of the Royce Carlton speaker's bureau, Wong considers his speaking engagements to be a second career. Below are excerpts from this discussion.

Question: Were your parents open to you being an actor?

Wong: They only saw what was embarrassing on television. They wanted me to be a doctor as my brother was, but I needed to do it. We all are happy that I went on this journey. I would definitely be doing something I wouldn't be happy doing if I didn't. They became open to it. There would be no story if they weren't open. It was important to learn early how to negotiate with them. There was nobody for me to point to and say they were happy [as actors] and Asian. There is a sense that being an actor or a musician isn't a real job.

Question: How much has acting opened up for Asian Americans?

Wong: Sometimes I think it's fantastic. I have to juggle between two shows. I never dreamed of this. Neither role is demeaning remotely. I didn't want to play a part with Asian American written across the T-shirt, to be a person who is Asian. I don't want only that work in my life. But, sometimes something happens and you find out that you've been passed over for an unenlightened reason. I'm optimistic; it is still such a fascinating journey. You can turn on the television and judge how you feel. Most of us would not be satisfied that it's not far along. When I was young there was not a movie like "Mulan" where all the voices were Asian.

Question: Did you have a role model growing up?

Wong: The only role model I can think of was George Takei. [Takei played Sulu in the Star Trek television series.] For everyone of him, there were tons doing other things and I would say 'Oh, why are you doing that?'

Question: How did you get into acting?

Wong: I started in the fourth grade when I joined the chorus. Also, I played violin for six years. After five years of it, I realized that I was a robot. [Teachers] convinced me that I liked it. In the ninth grade, a friend said that I should be in a play. I instantly knew it was the thing for me. I immediately began investigating and immersing myself in acting.

Question: What was the most difficult thing for you to overcome as an actor?

Wong: There is baggage connected to being Asian American. [Acting] is fraught with rejection and chance. There is a lack of certainty no matter who you are, and then add to that being Asian American, it seemed like it would never be possible. I consider my main challenge was getting to know myself and what it meant to be Asian American. I wasn't honest with myself about being Asian American. I was resentful because it stood in my way. I felt I could tone down my Asianness and that was really self-hating. When I got past that I could work and get on. I had to face the personal issues, so I could face the business.

Question: How did you overcome your self-hatred?

Wong: I was working a lot of cheesy, stereotypical parts and I was getting disgusted. Here I was working parts like Chinese restaurant workers, but I was playing "table crumbs" [small parts]. At that point I was wondering what was missing. I found an acting teacher who said that your best work would come when you think you're a messenger of the writer's words. Then the "M Butterfly" script was sent to me. It was in New York and a Broadway show. It was well written, a great part, and the play was full of ideas. This was a play that talked about ideas and stereotypes. I went to New York and I got the part. I thought 'oh, wow, I don't have to be a white person to be validated.' It was my first opportunity to go to the table. This helped me get rid of my resentment of being an Asian American.

Question: Has the Asian American baggage been good for you?

Wong: It has driven me here. All bad things are good in disguise if you process it the right way. The baggage has given me the purpose and goal to discuss these things. You use the baggage to form your opinions to want to fight for something. It would not be interesting to live without it.

Question: What do you think of the portrayal of Asian American women in the media?

Wong: The problem isn't going away. It's tiresome. One person has spun a stereotype into something new and contemporary. Asian American men have the exact opposite problem. The Asian American woman is over-sexualized with no brain functions. The Asian American man is under-sexualized and all brain functions. I'm not happy about it. But, I still think incrementally it's better.

Question: Did you ever feel you had to take a bad part just to work?

Wong: Now, I don't feel I have to take things. But, at a time, I felt I could bring dignity to characters like a cheesy druglord. But, I was doing the same thing but with more dignity. I was being naive. Now, I just turn something down. I don't judge someone for what they're doing. Opportunities come along so infrequently. I personally felt that I wanted to break the chain. I didn't want some kid to see me and say 'I'm embarrassed by that.' I haven't done anything that embarrassed me for along time and that makes me proud.

Question: What about "All American Girl" [a situation comedy starring Comedian Margaret Cho] where non-Koreans were playing Koreans?

Wong: I think this is a place where it wasn't a big deal. To have only Koreans, it would have cut them off from other good actors. There was more reason for choosing them than they were Korean. But, the show wasn't funny. It wasn't true to our experiences. They didn't channel Margaret Cho's talent. People were really disheartened that the show didn't come off. Nobody would have cared [about the non-Korean actors] if the show were a hit. There were Asian Americans on the staff. The problem was that it was an ill-conceived affair. Success is the successful channeling of the main character. Margaret had no power [over the show].

Question: Do you belong to a group of actors?

Wong: I feel relatively isolated. I've chosen to live in New York. I've made choices to take on the two shows. I'm very satisfied with them. The commu-

nity mobilizes around specific issues. I do feel discussion is worth something. In my business there is no place for discussion. Asian Americans do not inhabit key functions in studios. For every new Asian American actor, there is another person in the studios. Hopefully, we'll be able to see that influence. But, people in those positions are not ready to change things yet . . .



B. D. Wong

Question: Is it the responsibility of Asian Americans to fight stereotypes?

Wong: We owe it to ourselves. You can't complain unless you participate. Our responsibility is to be not so complacent about things. We have a defeatist attitude about things. You have to start somewhere. I think you need to do something, to say 'I have an opinion and here it is.' I think discussion extinguishes complacency.

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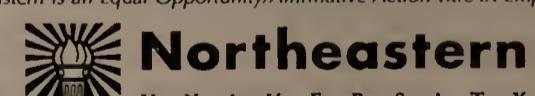
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法國悲劇電影《悲慘世界》

「我不確定是否每個人都會讀我的小說，但我的小說的確是寫給普羅大眾看的。」這是十九世紀法國文豪雨果對自己小說「悲慘世界」(Les Misérables)的評價，也道出了這部小說描述人性的普遍性的中心意旨。以一個小女孩的圖像代表著十九世紀法國大革命時期，普羅老百姓面臨貧窮的音樂劇「悲慘世界」，現將在波士頓作八周的巡迴演出。

這部「悲慘世界」巡迴音樂劇時長二小時，分兩幕，中場休息15分鐘。故事以法國十九世紀的社會騷亂現象為經

，以一逃犯Jean Valjean與一個自以為是的警察Javert之間的對抗為線，情節描述橫跨二十年，其間穿插著對人性的刻劃，對社會正義的質疑，對貧窮者的憐憫，及對追求自由不斷抗爭的歌頌。

故事的主人翁Valjean為了在挨餓的家庭而偷了一條麵包，不幸被捕後在勞獄裡待了十九年。音樂劇的第一場描述1815年在Digne，Valjean正要被假釋出獄

，卻發現他必須被烙印一個號碼，這個印記顯然將跟著他一輩子，讓他成了被社會遺棄的人。此時，只有地區主教對他不嫌棄而招待他晚餐。然而，

Valjean臨走時卻偷了教會的銀餐具，而且又一次被捕，並被警察Javert帶到教會要他歸還銀器。讓Valjean吃驚的是，主教不但在警察面前護著他，說這

是上帝在警衛面前護著他，說這是他送給Valjean的。之外，主教還拿

了餐桌上的銀燭臺送Valjean。從那一刻起，Valjean洗心革面，開始了新的人生。

八年後，Valjean改名換姓成Monsieur Madeleine，並以變賣主教送

的銀器為資本，成了工廠的老闆和受人尊敬的市長。在他的工廠內有一名女工Fantine，她懷了某人的私生子，遭工廠

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追捕的逃犯編號24601的Jean Valjean

，但他以為他已逮捕的逃犯是Valjean。Valjean眼睜睜看著有一個無辜的人因他而被誤捕，因此在法庭上自首他才是逃犯24601。在醫院裡，Valjean答應

臨死的Fantine他會找到她的女兒Cosette並好好照顧她。警察Javert趕來醫院要抓Valjean，但他逃往另一個城市去了。

第二場是1823年在Montfermeil。Fantine的女兒小Cosette寄宿在旅館夫婦Thénardier的簷下。她被旅館夫婦惡意地虐待，被要求在黑暗中打水。Valjean終於在此處找到Cosette並付大筆的錢給旅館夫婦，讓他可以把Cosette帶到巴黎。

九年後的巴黎，伴隨著一位政府總督的即將臨崩，社會上瀰漫著一股不安。這位總督是當時對貧窮老百姓尚關心的僅存的一位。街頭的幫派是由曾是旅館老闆的Thénardier和他太太領軍，到處趁火打劫。Thénardier夫婦的女兒Eponine單戀著一名參與革命的學生Marius，但她卻答應Marius要幫他找到他所愛的Cosette。

在一家咖啡店裡，一群具有理想性的學生們正商討著要進行一場革命。當流浪男童Gavroche帶來總督死亡的消息，學生領袖Enjolras帶領著學生走上街頭，號召著全民的參與。此刻只有惦念著Cosette的Marius遲躇著。Eponine隱藏著對Marius的愛慕，帶著他來到Cosette的面前並試圖阻止她的父母打劫Cosette她們家。Valjean一心以為是Javert在追捕他，而在革命的前一天決定要帶著Cosette遠走。當革命的前一夜，每人都懷著心事，而Thénardier夫婦也等待著混亂來臨好好幹一番。

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在一晚，學生們準備著第二天的革命，而他能帶回Marius。第一

大是一場混亂的革命廝殺。因為軍需品不足，流浪小男孩Gavroche想要外出收集更多的槍彈，但被射殺而亡。最後所

有的反叛軍都死於這場革命。

Valjean告白著不醒人事的Marius

要到醫院的途中，又再一次遇見警察

Javert。Valjean對Javert說他一定

得送這個年輕人到醫院醫治。Javert

最後決定讓他走。Javert也透過

Valjean的仁慈而看清了自己長久以

來千方百計要追討逃犯的一種扭曲地

仇恨心態，最後投塞納河自盡。

在Cosette的照料下，Marius漸康

復了，但他並不知道救他的恩人是誰

。Valjean對Marius坦誠說出了自己

的過去並且堅持在Marius和Cosette結

婚後，他將離去。在婚禮上，

Thénardier夫婦有急中傷Valjean。Thénardier說Cosette的「父親」Valjean是殺人犯，為了以示證明，

他還拿出他在革命失敗那夜的死者身

上偷來的戒指。那是Marius的戒指，

Marius才明白「是Valjean把他帶離

防禦工事並救了他。

在最後一場戲中，Marius和

Cosette找到了Valjean。在那時，

Cosette才知道自己的才世。Valjean

在那晚去世，他的靈魂加入了

Fantine和Eponine及其它所有在革命

中死去的人。

這部改編自雨果同名小說的音樂

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糧食券知多少？

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士區的辦事處，其他的部門並不會受理。郵寄後，就會有人通知你何時到辦事處面試。除此以外，你可親自到你住的區域辦事處拿申請表，又或你的收入低於你的房租，你就可申請「緊急緩助」，七天以內你就會得到糧食券的補助。

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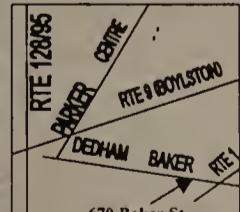
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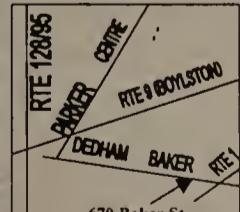
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中美撞機到種族歧視

認識「歧視」

四月一日美國偵察機

與中國客機在南海上空發生擦撞，致使兩國外交關係陷入低迷。華裔美國人在美國土地上成為美國人厭惡中國政府善處不當的「代罪羔羊」，美國人民對亞裔歧視、抗拒的心理，因此撞機事件而升溫。一個知名電台的主持人號召民衆不要到中餐館吃飯，

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將販賣櫃上來自中國的貨物全部拿下來，以讓名衆響應「抵制中國貨物」的抗議動。據美國之音的報導，最近的一項調查顯示，有四分之一的美國人對包括華裔在內的亞裔人士持不滿的態度；百分之一的美國人不願家庭成員和華裔通婚。

「歧視」是對某些人或某族群的語言、行為及生活習慣產生不和不平等的對待。從心理學的角度分析，歧視源於懼怕和不安全感。也許美國人對亞裔的歧視是源與原先對愛爾蘭人的恐懼心理轉移而成。憂心這些亞裔新移民對「國家」或「價值觀」產生不可知的變化。根據華裔組成的「百人會」調查，有百分之三十二的美國人覺得華裔美國人對中國的「忠誠度」高過美國，百分之四十六的人認為存在的華裔人士有向「中國政府」洩露機密的危險。因此，他們不願意和亞裔人口保持友好的關係。

導致歧視的另一個原因是生存資源的實際問題，怕新移民在自己的地盤，剝奪自己的工作機會，搶走自己的飯碗。然而美國是一個獨特的國家，由世界各地愛好自由民主的人士組合而成，有「民族大熔爐」之稱。她的成就是集各族的精華共同創造而來，

美國的開國立憲精神是「人皆生而平等」，現在的美國法國法律也明文規定「禁止因各人的種族、膚色、國別、宗教、性別、年齡、身體殘障而遭歧視」，延伸至職業類別，雇主更不能因以上原因，在雇用、升級、分配、任務、訓練給予不平等的待遇。

華裔百人會會長鄭兆祥指出，美國國內對華裔及亞裔的偏見會阻礙美國成為一個更強大、更和諧的國家，他呼籲全美的亞裔人士一起行動，改變這種狀況。

遇到歧視的解決方法

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The Chinatown Neighborhood Council ('CNC') in conjunction with the Boston Redevelopment Authority ('BRA') hereby give notice that a Public Meeting to present and update on the plans for the development of Parcel C will be held Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at 6:00 PM at Posner Hall on Harrison Avenue in the Chinatown neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts. The Project Notification Form ('PNF') for Large Project Review, pursuant to Section 80B-2.2 of the Code, was submitted by the Parcel C Limited Partnership on May 2, 2001 for the proposed Parcel C Development which will result in the creation of a mixed-income community, having a blend of affordable and market income housing units with rental and home ownership options. The project program will include approximately 348,586 gross square feet of new space, under the Boston Zoning Code, comprised of 251 rental and condominium housing units, approximately 37,610 sq.ft. of commercial and community space, and a total of 283 spaces in two-levels of below-grade parking ('Proposed Project'). The Parcel C site, comprised of approximately 43,860 square feet of land area, is bounded by Harrison Avenue, Nassau Street, Ash Street, and Oak Street, and is adjacent to the New England Medical Center Hospital campus in the South Cove Urban Renewal Area. The PNF may be reviewed or obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the BRA, Room 910, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday except legal holidays. In addition, a copy of the PNF is available for review at the Offices of the Asian Community Development Corporation ('ACDC'), 888 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111; BCNC Offices within the Quincy Community School at 885 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday except legal holidays; and at the Boston Public Library, Government Records Room, Boylston Street in the Back Bay, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday except legal holidays. Public comments on the PNF, including the comments of public agencies, should be submitted in writing to Maria Faria, Assistant Director, BRA, at the address stated above, by June 18, 2001.

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Section 09900, Painting
Section 15500, HVAC

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The job site and/or existing building will be available for inspection between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2001. For an appointment call Mathew Baronas at 617-277-2022.

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Construction Market Data
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Brookline Housing Authority
January 2001

投錯船？西方人辦華人殯儀！

繆家明 專訪

位於 KENMORE 得柯德文殯儀館外觀一般民店無異，而佔地相當廣。進入大門後，粉色的牆紙，明亮的燈光，令之前對殯儀館，陰森，可怕的印象一掃而空，換來的是柔和，輕鬆的感覺。我要採訪的是殯儀指導總長白堅禮先生。白先生精神奕奕，開朗健談的形象，又令我對殯儀事業，為之改觀。

白堅禮先生表示，柯德文殯儀館建於 1932 年，首間開設於 ROXBURY，經過百餘年的變遷，柯德文殯儀館現已為紐英倫最具規模的殯儀館。於美國，甚至世界各地都有分店。柯德文殯儀館大約四成的客戶都是亞洲人，其中幾名主要的工作人員亦是華人。因此白先生雖為美國土生白人，卻對華人各種的風俗以及生活習慣，都有一定的認識。

生於 1938 年，於昆士市長大的白先生，18 歲起投身殯儀事業，1958 年取得殯儀業執照，1965 年加入柯德文殯儀館，直至現今。本身是基督徒的白先生，對各種社區服務，相當熱衷。他除了在殯儀事業有一定地位外，更是救濟軍，青年會，與各種各樣社會團體的會員。而居於唐人街的白堅禮先生對華人社區的活動更是關注。他是華埠安全委員會的要員，華人社區的一舉一動，與他可說是息息相關。

白先生表示，早年居住於昆士市的附近就有一家華人經營的洗衣店。他總愛留連店內，觀察他們的經營手法，就此，白先生與華人的情意結，就此展開。白先生表示，在早年，替華人辦理殯儀服務的殯儀館並不多，由於語言不通，以及華人風俗過於繁瑣的關係，很多華人都會自行舉辦儀式，再進行殯葬，以至引起許多不便。但近年來情況大為改善，白先生所工作的柯德文殯儀館，華人客戶的數目更是每年有增無減。由於不少華人所生下的第一代，甚至第三代的土生華裔，對傳統殯儀習俗一竊不通，因此，白先生以及其他華人

工作人員都能給予他們指導。白先生認為，身為華人應對自己的長輩有所尊重，他深信，一般華人都會希望自己的喪禮能夠按照傳統儀式進行，所以，若後人能照前輩的心願去辦亦是盡顯孝心的一大機會。白先生更表示，華人與西方人對死亡的看法有很大不同。對西方人來說，死亡實在是一件無法避免的事情，因此他們的喪禮與亞洲人就有分別。有時他的工作亦為他帶來問題。例如新

，出席的人數越多越代表先人德高望重，甚至要假裝哭嚎以代表其先人的重要性及後人的悲傷。華人事講求「運氣」，於是於新年期間舉行的華人喪禮少之又少。而年輕人若不幸去世，長輩更不會出席其喪禮，「白髮人送黑髮人」更是一種極不吉利的事，而西方人就會毫不忌諱。由此可見，東西兩種文化有著極大的不同。而殯儀事業，亦有反映兩種文化背景的人種，對死亡的體會與傳統。

由於白先生對東方文化有著極深的興趣，因此歷年來他曾到新加坡，中國大陸，台灣，香港，泰國，西藏等地方考察及旅游。他表示，香港的殯儀館與美國有大大的不同。香港的殯儀館一天可能要處理幾十宗喪事，而美國一天就可能只要處理一宗。不過，近年來現代人思想較以前開明，因此歷年來他曾到新加坡，中國大陸，台灣，香港，泰國，西藏等地方考察及旅游。他表示，香港的殯儀館的客戶很多是華人，因此他們亦捐獻很多於華人社區，希望能回饋社區。而本身為白人的白堅禮先生，對亞洲人的前景和福利則密切關注，希望能在將來為在美居住的亞洲人，出一份绵力。

橡樹丘初中加國車禍 華人社區多方表安慰

波士頓牛頓市橡樹丘初中 (Oak Hill Public School) 樂隊學生一行四十二人於四月二十六日晚搭乘 Kristine 旅遊公司的巴士前往加拿大的哈利法克斯省 (Halifax)，準備參加當地舉行的樂隊音樂會競賽 (Halifax Music Festival)。於隔日清晨在一號高速公路 (1 Highway) 出口處打滑失控，飛離路面在空中翻滾數次後側倒在地上，造成四名後座學生喪生、卅多人受傷的慘劇。死亡學生中兩人是華裔，分別是十四歲的華裔學生莫莉莎·梁 (Melissa eung) 及十二歲的華裔學生格瑞·陳 (Greg Chan)。

出事的原因尚待查正。警方表示，巴士正駛於環加高速公路上的一個容易出錯的出口處。該出口處自一九九一年至今已發生過七起車禍。Kristine 旅遊公司的劉姓東主廿九日公開表示，巴士是去年才購買而開始上路的新車，設備和性能都符合法律規定。牛頓學校原聯絡的 Crystal 公司在出發前幾天，才因沒有巴士，把此生意轉給 Kristine 公司。Crystal 公司在出發前不久也才通知 Kristine 公司還需要一名駕駛 (按規定一位司機不能連續開車超過十個小時以上)。簡姓司機在到達巴士出發地點之前，都沒有看過行程表。然而，簡姓司機已有二十年的巴士駕駛經驗，從無肇事紀錄。

此悲劇在波士頓地區造成極大的震撼。牛頓市華人社區趕緊採取行動，給予樂團學生，(尤其是兩名華裔罹難者的家屬誠摯的關懷和慰問。文協 (GBCCA) 董事長葛幼梅、華心中文學校家長周飛飛、波士頓慈濟基金會的鄭麗勤紛紛至兩家表達關切的慰問之意。

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上仍佔大多數。然而，有一群學

生，如在華埠長大而現在是衛斯

理學院四年級學生的Helen

Wong，在紐約華埠長大而現在是

哈佛大學四年級學生的Priscilla

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華埠長大的 Wong 有著社區關懷意識。但直到通往過去，包含歷史、組織和權力的公路計劃

認識到更多的民權運動及亞裔美國人平等現像激怒了 Wong，但此事並沒有讓她陷入諷刺及冷漠的時不與我心態。「我知道我是被壓迫的。雖然還在讀高中，卻有一顆激進活躍的熱誠 Wong 讓自己投身至公共事務上。她置身於波士頓華埠鄰區青年中心 (the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center's Youth Center) 及以追蹤和教育民衆有關反對因排斥亞洲人或亞美人而產生的犯罪活動為終旨的亞美資源工作坊 (the Asian American Resource

Workshop's SAFETNET)。她亦在過去的兩年裏，代表華埠參加市長的青年聽證會。自高中階段，她會僅是營隊的一員，後來成為哈佛大學菲力浦布爾克協會 (Harvard University's Philip Brooks House Association) 組織的華埠人心激勵計劃 (China-town Adventure Summer Program, CHAD) 夏令營的初級輔導師。

幾乎在同一時間裡，在紐約華埠的 Chan 自我激勵地成為一位青年行動者，她投身於無住屋者聯盟組織，以提供食物給華埠家庭。 Wong 列出一連串華埠的需要，必須被改善的事件。「華埠居民長時間的工作卻低額的收入」對華埠的年輕人而言，是抑注他們的機會。許多人必須兼職以貼補家用。這限制了年輕人的選擇。 Wong 做以上的表示。在經濟上充分供給居民及有更多的機會提供給年輕人是一個複雜而待解決的問題。這也是該鼓勵華埠的年輕人去尋找解決此問題的方法。

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